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Letter dated 22 January 2013 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 27 December 2012 (S/2013/43), concerning your intention regarding the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information contained in your letter and the intention expressed therein.

The members of the Security Council also note that the trial use in this operation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo of "external imagery/electronic equipment and associated analysis capabilities, notably surveillance capability such as that provided by unmanned aerial systems", is in line with the Secretariat's intention to use assets to enhance situational awareness, if available, on a case-by-case basis and without prejudice to the ongoing consideration by relevant United Nations bodies of legal, financial and technical implications of the use of unmanned aerial systems.

(*Signed*) Masood **Khan**
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